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FOR: HIGHLY DISPERSIBLE, FINE, HYDROPHOBIC SILICA POWDER AND
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 7-14 (drawn to a production method of a high dispersible hydrophobic fine silica powder, wherein a hydrophobic agent comprising a volatile organic silicon compound is mixed in the gas state with a fine silica powder in a fluidized bed type reaction vessel), for examination.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.